OLD ENGLAND.

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Cernis, quæ Rutules habeat fiducia rerum. VIRG.

DURING the late unnatural Rebellion and the Advance of the young *Adventurer* into the very Heart of *England*, (ſo much to the Honour of our Councils and our Arms!) our News Writers made no manner of Scruple of complimenting him with the Title of *Prince*: For my Readers may remember that nothing occured more frequently to them in the daily Papers than *Prince Edward*. But theſe Authors are veſted with a kind of creative Power, and uſe it very liberally in their Intelligences. We have heard from them of Towns and Places that never had Being, of Princes who were never born, and of Lords even in our own Country that were never made or thought of. Hence the Lords *Whitehaven* and *Heathcoate* have from the Merit of their Purſes been pointed out to us for that Dignity. I muſt confeſs I was not a little ſurpriz'd, that the Title given to the young *Adventurer* paſs'd ſo long current and unnotic'd by thoſe who did us the Honour to put themſelves *in Authority over us*. But it is plain from the late Conduct of our *Military* Miniſter in a neighbouring Kingdom, that he had then very little Power at home, or he would have reform'd our *Britiſh* News Papers as effectually as he did the Almanacs of *France*; againſt which he carried on a very ſucceſsful War, till he fill'd the *Baſtile* with all the poor *Conjurers* of *Paris*, and obtain'd a *Definitive* Treaty of Peace; whereby a formal Surrender was made of all the princely Titles they had ſo liberally beſtow'd upon the *Stuart* Family, and an utter Diſclaim of ever mentioning any of them, as Kings *by the Grace of God*, or by the Friendſhip of *France*, again. Whether this experience'd Miniſter was prompted to this laudable Attack on the *Magi* abroad, from a *natural* Diſlike he had conceiv'd againſt Conjurers, or in Compliment to the *Coalition* at home, who have ſo wiſely renounc'd all Commerce with them, excepting thoſe, who do them and the Nation ſo much Honour, in endeavouring to define our *Definitive* Peace in all the Courts of *Europe*;—I ſay, whether this, or that, or whatever elſe was the Motive that induc'd his *Excellency* to make ſuch a Havoc among theſe Pryers into the Secrets of the Stars, I know not; but ſhall leave it to the Conſideration of Futurity, which will undoubtedly mention him as a *Magus* of the Times in no Degree inferior to the wiſeſt among the *Coalition*.

From a Miniſter of ſo much Sagacity and Vigilance, what may we not hope? ——— But alas! much have we to lament, that he was not detach'd from the left Hand of the D° in *Flanders*, where he was hardly perceiv'd, to ſtand at the right Hand of *Sanvices* at *A°*, where his *Experience* was ſo much wanted. As the late Earl of *Stair*, full of the Sagacity of a *North-Briton*, was a buſy Inquiſitor into the Conduct of the Court of *Verſailles*, and div'd ſucceſsfully into the Councils of *Louis Quatorze* after the *ignominious* Peace of *Utrecht*; the preſent Earl Miniſter, as full of the Wit and Spirit of a *Batavian*, will without doubt do us as much Honour, after the *glorious* Peace of *Aix*, by his Vigilance over the Actions and Meaſures of *Louis Quinze*. Hence we may expect to hear of his demanding an Eclairciſſement, as to the Troops aſſembled in *Dauphiny*, and the Deſtination of thoſe which we are told are actually preparing for their March towards *Italy*; tho' from the known *Moderation* and Candour of his *Gallic* Majeſty, we may be well aſſur'd, that there is nothing more meant by this March, than to do Honour to the Peace of *Aix*, in paſſing thro' *Savoy* to *Milan*, in order to put the Burden of that weighty Duchy upon the Shoulders of Don *Philip* in Eaſe of the Houſe of *Auſtria*, according to the *Spirit* of the *Definitive* Treaty, ſo very obvious to every Eye, but that of our young *Negociator* alone, and his *wholeſale* Coadjutor, learned in the Art and Miſtery of Grocery, who now does Honour to his Country at the Court of L°, if his Sollicitations to be remov'd to that of B°°ls have not yet taken Place.

The Acceſſions of Power and Countries that are now meditating in Favor of the Court of *Parma*, will ſoon put the Sovereign *Duke* upon an Equality with his potent Brother of *Naples*. *Phillip* by the Grace of God (for to be ſure it is the Work of Heaven) King of *Corſica*, Duke of *Milan*, *Parma*, *Placentia*, and *Guaſtala*, ſound well! Tho' at the ſame Time that I rejoice to ſee a Son of *Spain* and the Son-in-law of *France* in the Poſſeſſion of theſe fine Countries, I can't forbear ſhewing ſome little fooliſh Concern for a Woman, who, overpowered by her Enemies and betrayed by her Friends, was negociated out of all theſe except the firſt, under the very Noſe of the Allied Army, and within Sight of 36000 hardy Auxiliaries! But if the preſent King of *Spain* ſhould die without Iſſue, and Don *Carlos* ſucceed to his Dominions, which, without a Miracle, muſt be the Caſe, what a fine Addition will the Titles of King of the *Two Sicilies*, Duke of *Calabria*, &c. make to thoſe we have already mentioned? And what a powerful Monarch muſt he be, if the Dominions of the two younger Brothers become united under the Government of one; which I preſume, I may venture to ſay again, will, unleſs another Miracle, be the Caſe. 'Tis true there are Proviſions wiſely ſtipulated, that, in Caſe of Don *Phillip*'s ſucceeding to the Kingdoms of the *Two Sicilies*, the Duchies he is now in Poſſeſſion of ſhall revert to the Houſe of *Auſtria*. But it is as true, that the Houſe of *Bourbon* partakes not a little of the Quality of the Fox, which diſpoſſes the Badger of his Habitation, and never quits 'till he is dug out.

Though it is notorious that the *French* circumvent us in Negociations, yet we are ſtupidly fond of falling in with every Opportunity to try our Skill with them; like loſing Gameſters, who are led on by falſe Hopes of recovering what they have loſt; and rather than not be doing at all, we are forward to employ ourſelves in undoing what may have been better done than we can amend. Hence have we inconſiderately fallen into the Snare, which the *French* laid to catch us, in relation to the ſettling of the Boundaries of *Nova Scotia*. Aware of what they have ceded to us by the Treaty of *Utrecht*, under the Deſcription of all *Acadia*, which extends a vaſt Way Northward, they ground their Hopes upon the Weakneſs we have moſt ſhamefully expoſed to juſt Cenſure in a late Treaty, in order to encroach upon the ample Ceſſion they have made to us, and poſſibly to give us but very little more than the Peninſula which is vulgarly called *Nova Scotia*, by thoſe who are unacquainted with the Country; whereas in fact our *Nova Scotia* is the very ſame Tract of Ground, which the *French* called *Acadia*.

The Treaty of *Utrecht* is expreſs, *ignominious* as it was, whereby we become entituled to all *Acadia*. The *French* have, for ſome Years paſt, been meditating Encroachments upon us; and therefore their Geographers have calculated Maps for their Purpoſe, whereby they have greatly enlarged their own, and in Proportion leſſened our Boundaries there; which our Map-makers, and ſome of them in Royal Pay too, have as ſtupidly followed without a *Meaning*, as the *French* have *meaningly* contrived them. I make no doubt, that the Deſcriptions of our own *copying* Geographers will be produced and inſiſted upon againſt us: But they are no Evidence againſt the expreſs Letters and Words of the Charter of King *James* the Firſt, which is ſtill in Being, tho', if I am not miſtaken, that Country which is comprehended within all *Acadia* is ſtill more extenſive, and to which we have an undoubted Right by the aforementioned Ceſſion of the *French*; for what can there be ſtronger againſt them than their own Words, as I think it is a Maxim with all Nations, to conſtrue the Grantor's Words in the ſtricteſt Senſe againſt him. It is incumbent therefore on our Commiſſaries to attend to this, unleſs their Inſtructions ſhould warrant, or perhaps direct them, to recede from the *ignominious* Benefits we derive from the exploded Treaty of *Utrecht*, and mitigate the Severities of the Terms, after the laudable Example purſued at *Aix*.

We have heard talk of ſome ſpurious Births at *Aix*, deriving from the Definitive Treaty, and that ſome of theſe will ſoon appear. 'Tis hoped, however, we are not under any Reſtraint *from ſettling along the River* of St. John. If we are, the *French* Riddle of demanding a Settlement of Boundaries is evidently ſolved. One would be tempted to think that a People, who never do any thing without a previous Eye to their own Intereſt, might be hardy enough to ſcheme out a Communication this way from the Sea with the River of St. *Lawrence* and *Canada*; and ſo perhaps not only take in that Part of *Nova Scotia*, which their Countrymen have ſeated on the Bay of *Fundi*, and all the Inhabitants into the Bargain; but ſave themſelves the Trouble of ſailing round the *Peninſula* up the Bay of St. *Lawrence* to *Canada*, which appears to me in the ſame Light as a Navigation from *Newcaſtle* up along the Coaſt of *Scotland*, and, rounding the North Point, ſail back again Southward into *Carliſle*, when all that Trouble and dangerous Sailing might be ſaved by a direct Communication acroſs the Country Eaſt to Weſt. As this comparative Deſcription is only meant to give an Idea to my Land-Readers of the Difficulty that at preſent attends the *French* Navigation from the Bay of *Fundi* round to *Canada*, and the Convenience of the ſhort Cut by the Way of *St. John*'s, I hope thoſe who are critically ſkilled in Sea-Affairs will excuſe it. From every Difficulty which the *French* may labour under in Point of Trade and Power in *America*, a Benefit reſults to us of Courſe, and conſequently their Convenience becomes our Incommodity. If our Commiſſaries are not particularly inſtructed to guard againſt this Point, and from accommodating theſe wily People with any Advantage on the Sea-Coaſt that may be turned into a Port or Haven, communicating with the River of *St. Lawrence* by the Way of *St. John*'s; it is hoped it will occur to them from their own natural Sagacity.

I will make no Doubt of their Knowlege and Skill in the Geography of the Country, and in the oppoſite Intereſts of *Great Britain* and *France*; nor of the *Experience* of the Board of Trade in giving them clear and explicit Inſtructions as to their Negociations; which it is hoped they will uſe, as there is a fair Occaſion given to catch the *French* in their own Snare, even at *Paris*; or at leaſt that they will carefully avoid making any Conceſſion towards the Sea that may facilitate the Navigation of the *French*, or enable them to diſturb or any way incommode our new Colony in their peaceable Poſſeſſions, ſo as to render the Peace of *Utrecht* leſs *ignominious* than their Patrons have repreſented it, by receding to the *French* what they have ſo amply ceded to us by that Treaty: So ſhall our Commiſſaries deſerve the liberal Appointment of *Four Pounds per Diem*, which our Superiors have aſſigned each of them, during their Negociations; and their Countrymen be no longer ſcandalized at their being whiſtled over to *Paris*, to treat of an Affair, which the *French*, not we, want to have ſettled, or unſettled, as the Reader pleaſes.

N. B. Maſter *Cleaby* will find a proper Anſwer at the Bar of *Grigſby*'s.

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LONDON

The following is an exact State of the Scrutiny as it appeared on finishing the Enquiry into Lord Trentham's Votes:

Foreigners	91
Not found	215
Lodgers	250
Not rated	368
Alms and Poor	69
Excused on extreme Poverty	53
Live in Houses never collected, tho' standing in the Books	87
Infants	7
Left their Houses before the Election	13
Polled twice as Partners, &c.	17
Wanted, Minnomers, or come on the Windsor Act	37
	1213
Deduct Lord Trentham's Majority	157
Remains for Sir George Vandeput	1056

The Scrutiny into Sir George Vandeput's Votes is now entered upon by Lord Trentham's Sollicitors.

Sunday died in Savage-Gardens, Sir John Thompson, Knt. and Alderman, Father of the City and Governor of the Russia company.

Sir John Barnard succeeds him as Father of the city.

Thursday a Wardmote was held by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, for the Choice of an Alderman for Dowgate Ward, in the room of Sir John Barnard, now Father of the City, when Richard Glynn, Esq; an eminent wholesale Oilman in Holborn, was chosen without Opposition.

Thursday, at a Court of Governors in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, came on the Election for Vicar of St. Bartholomew the Less, in the room of the late Mr. Banson; when the Numbers on the Ballot were,

For the Rev. Mr. Sandiford	121
Mr. Sclator	77
Mr. Banson	46

At the said Court the House Committee made Report that a third Physician is necessary, which was agreed to, and a Motion made that the Election should be on Thursday next; but the President insisted on his Right of fixing the Day, and declared that he would soon appoint it.

At the same Time several new Governors received their Charge; and there was 575 l. subscribed by them to that Charity.

The Court likewise came to a Resolution of subscribing their several Annuities, agreeable to the late Act.

The Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign Parts, as well as that for promoting Religion at home, the Drapers, Ironmongers and Stationers Companies, and several other public Bodies, *too numerous to mention here*, have already subscribed the Money they have in Funds affected by the Scheme for the Reduction of Interest. There was last Thursday Night above Twelve Millions subscribed at the Bank and South-sea House.

We hear the Company of Goldsmiths have resolved not to subscribe.

We are assured that the six Months Interest due last Christmas on the Imperial Copper Loan, will be paid at the Bank the latter End of May next; and that six Months which will become due at Midsummer next, will be paid the Beginning of August.

Admiral Rowley is a Candidate for Taunton in Somersetshire, in the room of Sir Charles Windham, now Earl of Egremont.

We hear that the corpse of the late Duke of Somerset will be interred To-Night, from the Jerusalem chamber in Henry the 7th's chapel in Westminster-abbey.

Jame Dalrymple, Esq; is appointed a Cornet in the Earl of Rothe's Regiment of Dragoons, on the Promotion of Henry Clair, Esq: promoted to the Degree of Captain in the Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel Holmes.

On Monday came on, at the Court of Common Pleas before a Special Jury, between Mr. Cox one of his Majesty's Messengers Plaintiff, and Mr. Depuis, Defendant, on an Action of 5000l. Damages, for false Imprisonment &c. in his Majesty's Army in Flanders, while under the Command of his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland; when, after many Hours Arguments, it appeared not to be within the Tenure of Common Law, the Affair was left undetermined, and each Party to set down with their own Cost.

On Tuesday came on the Court of King's Bench in Westminster Hall, before the Lord Chief Lee, a Cause wherein the Carpenter of a Man of War was Plaintiff and the Captain was Defendant; the Action was laid for the Captain striking the Carpenter, who is a Warrant Officer: After a long Hearing, and the Depositions of some Admirals and other Officers in Court the Jury gave a Verdict for the Plaintiff, with five Guineass

Tuesday died one of the Common Cryer's young Men, which Place is worth about 1200l. Two-thirds of which falls to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, and the other Third to the City.

We are assured, that Madrass was surrendered to the English Commissaries on the 11th of August last.

Yesterday 7 Night the Estates of the late Earl of Yarmouth in Norfolk and Suffolk were sold before Mr. Montagu, one of the Masters in chancery, for 82500 l.

Wednesday the Commitee for Examining into the Disputes between the Masters and Free Journeymen of the several Businesses of this city, met at Guildhall, for the fourth Time, when after examining several Journeymen with respect to the Allegations of the Masters, the court finding it would take up too much of their Time to examine the Number of Journeymen, who appeared in Vindication of their Right and Privileges, thought proper to adjourn to Wednesday next, to hear further into the Affair and at the same Time put an End to a Dispute which has wearied the Attention of the Committe for some Time past.

Several Engineers and Matrosses belonging to the Train of Artillery, are ordered to embark, with several Pieces of Cannon, &c. for Burrowstounness in Scotland, in order to fortify those Coasts for the Protection of the Fisheries.

The Elizabeth, Henry Fitzgerald, sailed from Cork the 20th of January for Cape de Verds; in the late bad Weather she lost most of her Sails and Topmasts, and on the 11th Inst. returning to refit, struck on a Rock, ann foundered near Glendore on the West Coast of Ireland.

The Inhabitants of St. John, Southwark, have agreed to raise among themselves a sum of Money to erect Lamps, and establish a regular Watch from London Brrdge to Rotherhithe, where the new Road to Deptford begins; and intend to solicit an Act of Parliament to render their Resolutions more effectual.

The cause of Appeal late depending in the court of Delegates, brought by William Adams of the Long-room in the custom-house London, from two sentences given for the Marriage of him with Jane Nevill, was on Tuesday last determined; whereby the former Sentences were affirmed, and she pronounced to be his lawful Wife, with full costs.

Letters from the West Riding of Yorkshire give an Account of the greatest Floods ever known in those Parts, in the Memory of the oldest Man living; the Rivers Warf, Air, Washborne, Nid, and Ouse, were chiefly affected, several Bridges overthrown, many Persons drowned, and a great Multitude of Sheep lost.

Two young Highmaymen, well dressed, one a Londoner, the other late a Smuggler in Kent, was taken at Burwash in Sussex, and committed to Horsham Jail, for robbing a Gentleman near Rye in Sussex on Saturday last. It is supposed they are the Men that the Monday before, robbed near Maidstone and Canterbury.

Tuesday was committed to Newgate by Justice Fielding, James Weldster, on Oath of Thomas Lewis, for robbing, the Countess of Albermarle of her Gold Watch; likewise Samuel Codoza, on Oath of the abovesaid Thomas Lews, for receiving the same knowing it to be stolen.

Last Night capt. Dolefon, commander of the Success lying off the Tower was attacked by a single Footpad, he knocked the Fellow down, and defended himself Galantly for some Time, but a second coming up to the Assistance of the Rogue, the captain was overpowered, and obliged to surrender his Watch, and about 8 l. in Money.

Last Week died in Newgate James Wood, that a few Weeks since was convicted, and ordered for Transportation, for robbing a Hair Merchant in the Strand of divers Quantities of Hair.

They write from Pilemurst, in the county of Glouceſter that Mr. Hoser Maltster, belonging to that Place, having some time before had a Quarrel, and being then concerned in a Fray with a Neighbour, and fearing the consequence that might arise from a Law Suit with which he was threatened, went up into his chamber and shot himself thro' the body, of which he died Instantly.

Monday Joseph Holland was committed to Newgate by the sitting Alderman, for stabing with a Tuck Thomas Osborn, a young countryman, the Night before, near Fleet Bridge. The young Man was carried to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, but 'tis Thought his Wounds will prove mortal.

Tuesday Morning upwards of one hundred and fifty Felons, under Sentence of Transportations, wen from Newgate and were shiped for his Majesty's American colonies.

In the Utrecht Gazetre, under the London Intelligence we find, that the Marquis de Merepoix, the French Ambassador, has delivered a Memorial to the Court, complaining of some Depredations committed by English Ships against French Vessels on the Coast of Africa, notwithstanding they had received Advice of the Cessation of Hostilities in Europe. In the said memorial his Excellency also insisted upon a Satisfaction adequate to the Nature of the Grievance, and that Orders be dispatched for preventing a Repetition of the like Violences.

By Letters from Vienana it appears, that they flatter themselves the late Changes in the Ottoman Ministry will produce no Alteratton in the System of the Porte; because, forsooth, when Baron Penckter the Imperial Minister, went to compliment the new Grand Vizer, the latter received him with as much Politeness as could have been expected from bred up at Versailles, and assured him, that nothing could give him more pleasure than to enter upon his Administration at a Time when good Understanding was so well established between the Ottoman Empire and the Imperial Court; and that he would take particular Care to cement this good Harmony, since it was natural for Neighbours to be Friends. But Experience demonstrates the Contrary: If they were not Neighbours, they might always be Friends: the House of Austria can have no quarrel with the great Mogul nor the Emperor of the Abyssins, because they are too remote; but the Vicinity occasions a clashing of Interests: and the first Spark kindled either in Italy or the North, will in all Probability, shew that Turkish Statesmen, are as well versed in the Art of Dissembling, as any Christian Ministers whatsoever.

Whitehall, Feb. 17. The King has been pleased to appoint his Grace the Duke of Richmond, Lieutenant-General of his Majesty's Forces, to be Colonel of his Majesty's Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, and likewise to be captain of a Troop in the said Regiment, in the room of Algergoon Seymour Duke of Somerset, deceas'd.

The King has been pleas'd to appoint Sir Andrew Agnew. Bart. to be Governor of Tinmouth castle in the county of Northumberland, in the room of the said Duke of Somerset, deceas'd.

The King has been pleased to appoint Alexander Mackay, Esq; to be Major of his Majesty's Regiment of Foot commanded by colonel George Howard, and likewise to be captain of a company in the said Regiment, in the room of Cyrus Trapaud, Esq;

The King has been pleased to appoint Cyrus Trapaud, Esq; to be Lieutenant-colonel of his Majesty's Regiment of Foot, and likewise to be captain of a company in the said Regiment, which is commanded by colonel George Howard.

From the Paris A-la-main, Feb. 23.

By Letters received here from Genoa bearing Date the 9th Instant, we are informed, that they had heard from Corsica, of the 20th of January last, that M de Curzay had frequent Conferences with two of the principle Ringleaders, or Heads of the Malecontents there, (by Name Gaffario and Giuliani) in order to an amicable Accommodation of the Differences that had so long subsisted between them and the Genoese; and that there was all the Prospect imaginable of bringing that Negociation to a happy issue.

The Pregnancy of the Infanta Dutchess of Parma is absolutely confirmed; and we are assured, that her Royal Highness still continues to reside with his Royal Highness the Duke her consort, at Sala one of his Country Seats, not far distant from Parma.

By Advices from Bouchairy we hear that the whole Regiment de la Ferre, who were in Garrison in that City, had deserted and made the best of their Way for Holland.

The Prince Jablonowsky, the Palatine of Rava, received circular Letters for a Senatus Consilium, he was obliged to depart from hence on Friday last, in order to his Return to Poland.

Hamburgh, Feb. 10. A few Days ago, in consequence of a challenge which a young Saxon Gentleman of the Family of Zehm (who was upon his Travels with his Governor) sent to one Baron Von Berger, who had affronted him at the Masquerade, they met the next Morning, with each his Second, upon the Danish Territory, just on the skirts of the town of Altena, and Von Berger soon receiv'd a Wound in his side, of which he died in a few minutes. The young Saxon returned to Hamburgh, and left it in a few Hours afterwards. By some Papers and Letters, found upon this Von Berger, it plainly appears he had a connection with a Set of Gamesters, who are scattered up and down in the large towns in search of Prey, and then unite occasionally either to acquire or divide their spoil.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Feb. 21. Tuesday last the Anti-Burgess Oath Synod met at Bristo. On Wednesday they resolved to pass the greater Sentence of Excommunication against Ebenezer Erskine at Sterling, James Mair at Lingtoun, David Horn at Cambusnethen, Henry Erskine at Falkirk, John Mac Kera at Kilbarchan, Andrew Black late at Cumbernauld, now in Ireland, James Johnson at Dundee, John Smith at Jedburgh, David Telfer at Monteith, and Thomas Nairn at Abbots Hall, on Wednesday thereafter; they likewise depose some, and others they put under the lesser Sentence of Excommunication; so that by this Time the one half of the seceding Ministers have delivered over the other half to the ——.

Death having lately forced the Town Piper of Falkirk to leave that Place, and the People at present being in a deplorable Situation for want of Musick give this Intimation to all Pipers and Fidlers, (provided they have queer Faces, and are qualified to stand a Comparative Trial before the Haille and the Bairns) to repare thither betwixt this Time and the first of May next, and give a Specimen of their Musical Modulation, Happy that Minstrel who

is found to excell in his Profession, for the Encouragement is conſiderable.

Since our laſt arrived in the Harbour of Leith the Carſairs Galley, Andrew Baxter, from Dundee, with Merchant Goods; the Succeſs, Alexander Crombie from Dunbar, with Malt; the Dary, James Nicol, from Aylmouth, with Weat, and the Margaret, R. Anderſon, from Dundee, with Barley.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Feb. 13. Laſt Thurſday Doctor Madden's Præmium of 15 l. for beſt Drawings by Boys and Girls, to which the Society added nine Pounds more were determined at the Parliament-Houſe.

Thirty-eight Candidates produced their reſpective Specimens of Work, which they had drawn before, and 10 Boys were ordered to draw before the Society, the Face of a remarkable Man, (Hugh Roberts) which moſt of them did off Hand very well; and Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Tuder, and Mr. Noſt, well ſkilled in Drawing, being appointed Judges, they adjudged the Præmiums to the moſt deſerving, according to ſeveral Claſſes. The firſt Præmium of three Guineas to Miſs Elizabeth Nicholls, whoſe Drawing was remarkably the beſt; the other Præmiums, fourteen in Number, were adjudged to the following Boys, according in their Merits in the Order following, viz. to Solomon Delane, James Forreſter, Jacob Ennis, and Richard Crone, two Guineas and a half to each; Edward Maunſell, deaf and dumb, Richard Wright, Thomas Ivy, James Standiſh, Dennis Murphy, and John Sling, a Guinea each; to Pat. Cunningham three Crowns; to Francis Murray, and William Kelly, half a Guinea each. It was judged more adviſeable to give but a few Præmiums of ſome Value, than to give many ſmall ones to inferior Competitors; but it is hoped that at another Time they will come up with their Neighbours.

The Grand Jury of the County of the City of Dublin, preſented Mr. Charles Lucas, Apothecary, in the ſame manner as was done by the other Grand Juries.

We hear that a Bill was lately brought into the Houſe of Commons, to enable Archbiſhops, and other Eccleſiaſtical Perſons, to exchange and divide ſuch of their Lands, as are interſperſed, or lie in common with, or contiguous to the Lands of Lay Perſons.

Laſt Saturday four Perſons, under pretence of being Cuſtom-houſe Officers, to ſearch for Run Goods, broke into the Lodgings of Mr. Hugh Kennedy, near the Linnen-Hall, to the Prejudice of the ſaid Kennedy, who had ſeveral Papers of conſequence in his Hands, the Property of other people. It is hoped theſe pretended Officers may be found out, as any Villians may aſſume their pretenſions, and break into any Houſe whatever.

Laſt Saturday the Houſe of Commons adjurned to the 12th of March, when it is expected that moſt of the Bills will be returned from England.

It is expected, that the Merits of the Hon. Mr. Fitz-Patrick's Petition, who hath claimed his Place in Parliament, as Lord of Upper Oſſory, will be heard at the next Meeting of the Houſe of Lords, when it is expected, that moſt of the Lords will attend as they have been ſummoned.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

HOLLAND.

Hague, Feb 24. The States of Holland and Weſt-Frieſland, that their Subjects may not be obliged to put their Money in foreign Funds (as is ſaid in the Preamble) have reſolved to raiſe ſix Millions of Florins by Way of Lottery, which is to begin drawing the 13th of June next; the Capital of the Prizes to bear Intereſt at the Rate of three per Cent. from the firſt of March, to be paid regularly, without any Charge whatever.

GERMANY.

Duſſeldorp, Feb, 20. We have Advice of a petty Quarrel between the Palatine Court and the Elector of Cologne, occaſioned by the following Affair. It ſeems the Monks of La Trape, of the Order of St. Bernard, though they lie upon Beds of Sackcloth ſtuffed with Aſhes, and feed upon nothing but Pulſe, and never taſte a drop of Wine, but when the Phyſician or the Superior of the Monaſtry judges that Nature can no longer hold out without it; have yet ſo far deviated from the Principles of Self-Denial and Mortification, as to annoy their Neighbours for their own Conveniency, by throwing up ſome Works in a little Iſland on the Rhine, ſituated in the Territories of the Archbiſhopric of Cologne, of which thoſe Monks are in Poſſeſſion. And the ſaid Works being the Occaſion of conſiderable Damage to the Subjects of the Elector Palatine, by cauſing the Waters of the Rhine to overflow the adjacent Lands, the Regency of the Duchy of Bergue ſent a Detachment to demoliſh them; which they have accordingly executed. Since which, a Detachment of the Electoral Troops of Cologn is gone, with a great Number of Peaſants, to re-eſtabliſh thoſe Works, and keep Poſſeſſion thereof by Force of Arms: And what the Palatine Court will do next, is not yet known.

Feb. 24. The Courts of Mannheim and Bonn have reſolved to terminate, in an amicable Manner, the Differences occaſioned between them by the Sluices made by the Monks of La Trape, in a little Iſland on the Rhine, as was mentioned laſt Poſt. The Troops of the Elector of Cologn, that were marching to protect the Monks in theſe Works, have received Orders to return to their Quarters; and the two Courts have nominated Commiſſaries to ſettle the Points in Diſpute.

Berlin, Feb. 10. The Diſtemper amongſt the Horned Cattle, which for theſe ſeveral Years laſt paſt raged ſo violently in almoſt every part of Europe, not having yet ceaſed in ſome Provinces of the King's Dominions, his Majeſty has iſſued an Ordinance, the Driſt of which is, not to put a ſtop to the Diſtemper (this depending on the Great Firſt Cauſe) but only endeavour to replace in ſome Meaſure the Loſs occaſioned thereby. For this Purpoſe, the King grants no Premium or Bounty for every infected Beaſt that is killed and buried, neither does he reſtrain, with any certain Limits, the removing of Cattle from one place to another; but only orders that no Calves ſhall be killed for theſe four Years to come, in the Kingdom of Pruſſia, the Electoral Marche of Brandenbourg, the new Marche, and Pomerania; and forbids the ſending any out of the ſaid Provinces into the neighbouring Countries, upon any pretence whatſoever; his Majeſty judging it more eligible to make his Subjects abſtain for a Time from Veal, than to let them be reduced at laſt to want both Beef and Veal, as well as Butter and Cheeſe.

DENMARK.

Copenhagen, Feb. 14. Laſt Monday a Trial was made in the preſence of ſeveral Officers, and other perſons of Diſtinction, of a ſmall piece of Cannon invented by Capt. Steuben, of the Train of Artillery, who received great Applauſe on this Occaſion, the ſaid Cannon having been fired twenty four Times in one Minute, without receiving the leaſt Damage.

ITALY.

Genoa, Feb. 7. The Spaniſh Poſt maſter-General has receiv'd conſiderable Remittances from his Court, Part of which he is to ſend to Parma. Several French and Spaniſh Officers landed laſt Week at St. Peter d'Arena.

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Parma, Feb 7. It was lately given out that the Court would ſpeedily remove to Placentia, in order to reſide there during Lent; but now there is no more Talk of that Journey. It is currently reported that the Marſhal Duke de Richlieu will come to this Court next Spring, charged with an important Commiſſion.

Turin, Feb. 11. The King has forbid the Officers of his Troops to appear at Court in any other Dreſs than their Regiments. According to the laſt Advices from Spain, the Chevalier Oſorio, Miniſter Plenipotentiary from his Majeſty, has put the finiſhing Hand to his Negotiation for a Treaty of Alliance between the two Courts. It is reported, that the King intends to borrow a large Sum of Money of the Swiſs Cantons.

PORTUGAL.

Liſbon, Feb. 2, There has been much Talk, for ſome Time paſt, of a Marriage between the Infant Don Pedro, Second Prince of Portugal, with the Princeſs of Beyra, Daughter of the Prince of Braſil; but ſince the Return of a Courier from Rome, the Match ſeems to be ſuſpended; nay, ſome pretend it is quite broke off, the Pope refuſing to grant a Diſpenſation for it.

Mr. Caſtres, the Britiſh Miniſter, has received a Courier from Madrid, with Diſpatches, importing, that Mr. Keene has made a Progreſs in his Negotiation for an Accommodation between England and Spain, and that we ſhall certainly ſoon hear of the final Concluſion of the Treaty.

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